Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 19 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 20 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 19 Oct 2021 at 02:22 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence for extent of low cloud on Tuesday, and of any rain on Wednesday. High for a change to colder and winter like conditions at the end of this week.

Headline for Tuesday 19 Oct 2021: Cloudy with occasional rain, which turns heavy at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
60%	30%	30%	50%	70%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

Weather: Cloudy with rain at times across all ranges, with outbreaks turning heavy at times. Best chance of drier conditions will be in the morning, especially in the north of the area. Drier weather will develop through the evening, but still some patchy rain lingering in the north.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the sheltered north and east

Visibility: Only small amounts of low cloud expected in the morning, although more exposed ranges of the west coast (mainly Skye southwards) may see more persistent see cloud down to 400 metres. Visibility becoming poor more widely from the southwest as the afternoon progresses, as a combination of rain and low cloud develop. Low cloud down to 600 metres becoming widespread as the afternoon progresses, but northern Sutherland and Easter Ross may remain clear until late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	40/48 SW	28/35 S	20/25 S	24/31 S	29/39 SW	32/44 SW	37/51 SW
900	39/46 SW	27/33 S	17/22 S	21/28 S	28/37 SW	31/43 SW	35/50 SW
600	29/36 SW	18/24 S	12/17 S	15/21 S	20/29 SW	23/35 SW	26/41 SW
300	7/32 SW	2/18 S	3/13 SE	5/19 S	8/28 SW	11/33 SW	13/38 SW
Glen	9/22 SW	7/12 W	4/11 S	7/17 S	10/24 SW	14/30 SW	17/34 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/3	8/3	9/5	9/4	8/4	7/2	4/-2
900	9/4	9/4	9/6	9/6	9/5	8/3	5/-1
600	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/8	11/7	10/6	7/2
300	13/12	13/12	13/13	13/12	12/11	12/10	10/7
Glen	14/13	15/14	15/15	15/14	14/13	14/12	12/9
Freezing Level*	2200m	2600m	2700m	2600m	2400m	2100m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong summit winds will lead to some drenching conditions in any rainy conditions that develop on Tuesday, best chance of cloud free summits will be in the far north and east given some shelter from the southwesterly winds.

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Oct 2021
Weather: Mainly dry with some bright or sunny intervals, the odd shower possible across the west. Widespread rain and low cloud will spread from the northwest later in the day, this may turn to snow from late evening at higher elevations.

Maximum wind: Westerly gusts to 35 mph on the higher tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%

Visibility: Very good with good air clarity, some patchy cloud above 700 metres. Becoming poor in low cloud down to 600 metres later in the day, and in any snow after dark

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius, falling to zero Celsius later
Freezing level: 1200 to 1500 metres, falling to 800 metres late evening

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